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## IDAHO LEGISLATION.

Considering the manner in which the Idaho Legislature was elected and organized one could hardly be surprised at anything that body would do, especially if it were in the line of partisanship. The election was characterized by outrageous frauds and ballot-box stuffing, in one country hundreds of ballots being found in the boxes above the number deposited by voters, while in several precincts more votes were polled than the entire population numbered. Not only were these frauds openly perpetrated, but they were encouraged, endorsed and approved by the officials from the Governor down, and were made effective. When it came to the organization of the Assembly, the candidates who had been supported by fraud were all admitted, and a resolution asking for an investigation of the crookedness was promptly squelched. Under such circumstances, it is suggested that anything that body would do, perhaps, ought not to surprise anybody; yet it has just done one thing which will occasion some astonishment. It has lately passed a bill, which has received the approval of the Governor, "to fix the amount of the official bonds of certain county and precinct officers and to prescribe official oaths of officers." The act is something wonderful in the way of partisan legislation. It starts out by declaring that before entering upon the duties of their offices, the following officers shall give bonds in certain specified sums, and take an oath which is given below: county commissioner, sheriff, assessor and collector, probate judge, treasurer, surveyor, coroner, justice of the peace and constable. The oath is the feature of the act and is given in full:

I do solemnly swear that I am a male citizen of the United States over the age of twenty-one years. That I had actually resided in Idaho Territory for the period of four months, and in this county thirty days next preceding the date of my election (or appointment). That I am not a member of any order, sect or organization which teaches, advises or encourages the practice of bigamy or polygamy or any other crime defined by law as a duty or privilege resulting or arising from the faith or practice of such order, sect or organization. Or that teaches, counsels, encourages or advises any person or persons to commit the crime of bigamy or polygamy or any other crime defined by law as a religious duty. That I am not a bigamist or a polygamist, and that I do not cohabit with any woman not my lawful wife. That I do not either publicly or privately teach, counsel, encourage or advise any person or persons to enter into bigamous or polygamous relations or into the relation known as "P. M." or "Celestial Marriage." That I regard the Constitution of the United States and the laws thereof and of this Territory as interpreted by the courts as the supreme law of the land, and that I will support and uphold the same, the teachings of any order, sect or organization to the contrary notwithstanding, so help me God.

This is certainly law-making with a vengeance. Have the Idahos gone mad, or are they playing with legislation? If they are in earnest their zeal has run away with their judgment; if they are "fooling" they are making themselves ridiculous. If there is one principle of government better established than another, it is the one that has been violated in the passage of this bill; the Constitution declares, and the courts have invariably held that legislation cannot extend to a citizen's religion; in other words, that no religious test can be required as a qualification to any office. A man's religious opinions and views may not be interfered with in any way, much less by the petty law-makers of an insignificant Territory. In the Edmunds act, which went as far as any law could well go in the direction of the limits of legislative power, Congress recognized its inability to prescribe a belief or say that a man should accept a doctrine, declaring that "said board of five persons (the Commission) shall not exclude any person otherwise eligible to vote from the polls, on account of any opinion such person may entertain on the subject of bigamy or polygamy; nor shall they refuse to count any such vote on account of the opinion of the person casting it on the subject of bigamy or polygamy." The Supreme Court has also declared that while laws may be passed for punishing overt acts, though performed in the name of religion, statutes cannot be made to interfere with a man's belief, or even with the expression of his opinion, though that expression might be in the direction of inciting to wrong-doing. As a matter of fact, a Mormon elder cannot be restrained by the law from advocating polygamy publicly or privately any-

where in Idaho, and his belief in the system of plural marriage cannot be made the subject of legislation without violation of the fundamental law of the land and in direct opposition to the opinion of the highest tribunal.

However, the Idaho Legislature has actually been guilty of this violation and defiance, and unless Congress can be induced to promptly reject the act, or the courts declare it void, much harm may result. In view of the late official frauds in some of the counties, the people of those counties may look for the further outrageous disregard of their rights by those who seem to be manipulating affairs there.

## VITUPERATION IN POLITICS.

"Vituperation in Politics" is the title of an article in the January number of the *North American Review*, by Bishop Huntington. It is in the main an able paper, and is timely, but the spirit in which it was written makes it more or less vituperative, as it is certainly a partisan attack upon Democrats, and a defense of Blaine. The late election called the article forth, and the writer goes upon the assumption that the Democratic orators and newspapers went beyond the limits of legitimate criticism in assailing the Republican candidates. Undoubtedly our political campaigns have degenerated into periods of licensed mud-slinging, but Bishop Huntington has been unable to separate proper criticism and comment from blackguardism. The idea that when a man is nominated for the Presidency, he should be held sacred from attack is not the correct one; the fact that a party has taken him up for the high office does not efface the stains from his character and elevate him above the people. The country does not want a rascal for President—and if a party in its blindness or corruption nominates a rascal, it is the duty of the opposition press and orators to inform the voters of the fact; this is not vituperation, nor is it mud-slinging; it is honesty and patriotism; it is devotion to country more than to party. Mr. Blaine was the victim of little vituperation; all the Democrats did was to give to the public the facts in regard to Blaine's public career; it was the right of the people to know the character of the man who was presented to them as a candidate for the highest office in the nation; if he were a dishonest man, the voters should know the facts, that they could protect themselves against his roguery; if he had used office corruptly, it was not vituperation to say so, that the people might act intelligently at the election. There is a vast difference between vituperation in politics and the exposure of candidates. Bishop Huntington has been unable to mark this difference, hence an otherwise valuable paper will do little good.

## NEW TIME SYSTEM.

At midnight, to-morrow, a revolution in the method of telling time will be inaugurated at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, England, and gradually the new system will spread over the civilized world. The day will commence at midnight, which will be designated zero, and then the hours will follow consecutively up to midnight which will be twenty-four o'clock. In the new system, one o'clock to-morrow afternoon will be thirteen o'clock, two o'clock will be fourteen o'clock, and so on up to the end of the day, when the observatory clock will strike twenty-four times. The English government has adopted, or will do so to-night, this method of time, in order to benefit transportation companies, and arrest errors caused by the abbreviations of A. M. and P. M., which are to be abolished. The transportation companies will of course try the new system, and commercial houses will necessarily have to follow suit and finally the people will fall into line. Our present system, like so many other things that we cling to with a tenacity that is not based on judgment, is clumsy and awkward; when we get rid of it people will wonder why it was adopted, and then why it was not abandoned generations ago.

A HUNDRED years ago, in Maine, they employed different means than those now resorted to for erecting their sacred edifices. The good Christian of to-day would hardly consent to the employment of rum, with the necessary concomitants, sugar and molasses, as a factor in church building. Here is a copy of an entry in the parish records of Alfred, Maine, dated April 6, 1784:

The inhabitants of this parish met pursuant to adjournment and passed the following vote: Voted to purchase 2 barrels of rum, 1 barrel of pork, 4 bushels of beans, 10 gallons of molasses, 10 pounds of coffee and 10 pounds of sugar, to raise the meeting house. Voted that Nathaniel Conant was desired to procure said articles.

THE CENSUS of 1830 showed there were in the United States 6,239,953 persons above the age of ten years who could neither read nor write, and of these 1,908,818 were voters. The returns from the late election show that the number of illiterate voters in nearly every State is larger than the majority in the State for either political party. All of which tells a story that is not altogether creditable to the American people; it tells that while we boast of being the most enlightened people on earth, the country is really under the control of the illiterate and ignorant.

There is a bill before the Alabama Legislature which proposes to make every man carrying concealed weapons wear a badge reading in plain letters, "I am armed." That kind of a law might do in Alabama, but in the west the fellow without a badge would feel awful lonesome.

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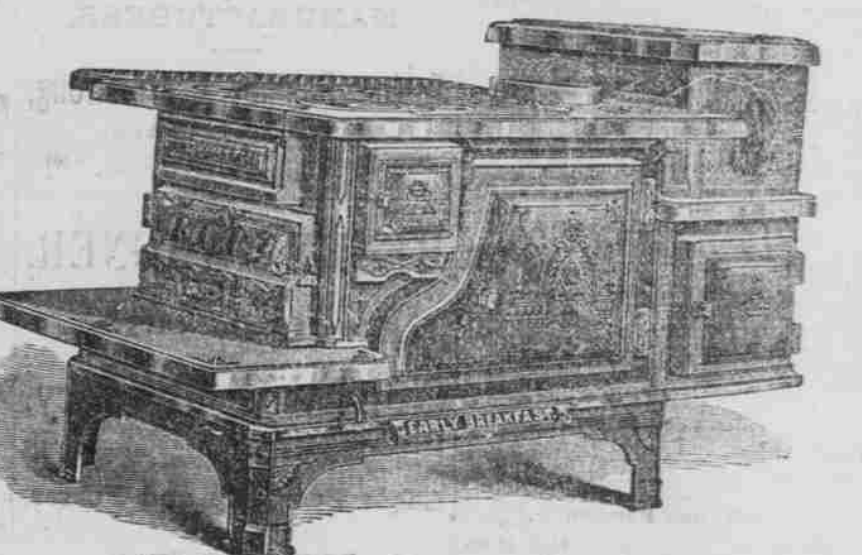
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